

2004 ENVIRONMENTAL AND CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Industrial Pollution Prevention Award



PURPOSE:

This award will recognize industrial facilities that are committed to corporate environmental stewardship and that have significantly reduced or eliminated sources of environmental pollution.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Eligible industrial facilities are restricted to SIC Codes 20 through 39. To be eligible, a project must eliminate or significantly reduce the source and generation of environmental pollution before "end-of-pipe" controls is applied to the waste stream and without transferring the wastes to other environmental media.

We emphasize that eligibility for the Industrial Pollution Prevention Award is not based on whether the company has hazardous waste. Instead, we are looking for highly innovative projects that reduce waste at the source. There may be a separate award in this category for East, Middle, and West Tennessee.

JUDGING AND CRITERIA

- Environmental benefits, including the estimated quantity of environmental pollution prevented.
- Economic benefits.
- Extent to which the project represents an innovative approach.
- Level of management commitment and leadership in preventing pollution through source and waste reduction and avoidance of media transfer. **Judging considerations will also include recycling efforts, product stewardship, and conversion of wastes to energy or manufacturing re-use of materials.**
- Size of the facility versus size of the project.
- History of compliance and environmental stewardship in all environmental areas, including reducing the effects of cross-media transfer.

Projects that contain front-end pollution prevention techniques, beneficial use of by-products or usable wastes to create energy, for example, or enhance recycling efforts are encouraged.

NOMINATIONS

The nomination cover page must include a contact name and phone number, facility name, address, and EPA generator ID number (if any). **The entry must include a one-page summary.** The summary should include the following information: a description of the process before change, a summary of the process change, benefits of the change, a statement about future improvements or applicability for using the new techniques in other facilities, and a statement regarding the management's commitment to pollution prevention.

A maximum of two additional pages of concise detailed information about the pollution prevention project may be submitted. In the detailed description, describe the process/operations, which generated wastes and the types of wastes generated, discuss the extent of employee training or involvement in the project, and address the criteria listed above under "Judging and Criteria".